



# Northgate Pedestrian Connections Workshop

Highlights from Workshop  
*April 11, 2004*

## Key Facts about the Workshop

- Over 100 citizens filled out a survey on their travel patterns in Northgate area prior to the workshop (Surveys were available at the library and on-line, and were delivered to two retirement centers, Middle College and NSCC)
- Approximately 75 people attended the workshop
- 5 Teams were facilitated by Planning Commissioners; volunteer interns, students and staff served as scribes

## Initial Results/Findings from the Workshop

### 1. Key Destinations (identified multiple times)

- Northwest Hospital
- North Seattle Community College
- Northgate Mall
- Target
- Post Office
- Library/Community Center/Park
- Transit Center

### 2. Other Destinations (identified at least once)

- Northgate and Olympic View elementary schools
- Group Health and office complex south of South Lot
- QFC (on Roosevelt and Northgate Way)
- South Lot

### 3. Connections:

- 8th Avenue: for pedestrians and bicycles from 95<sup>th</sup> to Northgate Way
- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing at Post Office (mid block between Northgate Way and 113<sup>th</sup>)
- Across the I-5 (NSCC to Transit Center; Northgate Way underpass)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE
- 1<sup>st</sup> NE from 92<sup>nd</sup> to 100<sup>th</sup>
- Northgate Way
- Through the Mall – north – south
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – needed connection through South Lot
- Thornton Creek Watershed through the area

#### 4. Gaps/Barriers

- Lack of sidewalks in many locations (north of 95<sup>th</sup> on 8<sup>th</sup>; on 1<sup>st</sup> north of 92, in parts of office complex south of 100<sup>th</sup>, etc.)
- No bike lanes (15<sup>th</sup> NE, 8<sup>th</sup> NE)
- No way to exit transit center to nearby office buildings
- No connections between parking lots; no access to stores from the back
- Safety concerns northwest of Mall

#### Highlights of Ideas from Team Sessions

- Make improvements to Northgate Way to make it an attractive and safe pedestrian corridor – under I-5, along the Mall and east of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE (lighting, median, planting strip, consistent retail/business activity along the entire corridor through the Urban Center.
- Improve crossings of Northgate Way – (3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>), connecting housing, retail, and services.
- Recognize importance of Northgate Plaza – post office, community serving businesses should be reflected in improved pedestrian access.
- Create more connections from NSCC to the Transit Center, including under or over I-5 and improved access along 1<sup>st</sup> NE
- Create pedestrian access to the new library/community center/park complex from all directions.
- Improve pedestrian connections and environment on 8<sup>th</sup> NE, connecting residential area to business area.
- Connect green spaces through the riparian corridor (take advantage of the Thornton Creek watershed wherever possible)
- Create pedestrian paths to the mall from several points; create a legible system of distinct pedestrian paths to/from and through the mall
- Pay attention to Roosevelt Way NE also as a reliable and safe pedestrian route
- Look for catalyst projects on key pedestrian corridors to set the example for future pedestrian oriented development and pedestrian improvements.
- Develop clear system of bike routes and pathways through the area – connect partial bike routes within the area and ultimately connect to biking destinations such as Burke Gilman Trail and Greenlake.
- Consider a transit circulator within the Northgate Urban Village
- Determine some streets/areas where pedestrians come first